

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In last year's June issue of *The Wilson Bulletin*, I announced that the Society would seek funds for the endowment of the Louis Agassiz Fuertes and Margaret Morse Nice awards. Subsequently, Dr. C. John Ralph prepared a direct mail solicitation. The response to this solicitation, together with donations included with the annual dues notice provided more than \$7000. This sum is sufficient to insure both the permanency and prestige of the awards. Further, we will now be able to give two awards in each category.

Many past winners of the awards, some now famous, provided testimonials for the circular. While reading these, I was struck by the frequent statement that what really counted was not the prize money, but the recognition by peers that the work was worthwhile. This has strengthened my conviction that the encouragement of amateurs and students is one of the Society's most important functions.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to each of you who helped make this campaign a success. Special thanks are due to our Canadian members who, despite stringent tax laws, were so generous.

Abbot S. Gaunt
President

WINNERS OF THE LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AWARD

1947-1982

1947	L. Richard Mewaldt	1967	Dennis L. Kolma
1948	no award		Spencer G. Sealy
1949	Stephen W. Eaton	1968	Leon John Gorshi
1950	Henry E. Childs		James M. Utter
	Bryon E. Harrell	1969	Richard E. John
	Arnold J. Petersen		G. Fredrick Stanholtzer
	Harrison B. Tordoff	1970	Thomas C. Dunstan
1951	Howard L. Cogswell	1971	Flash Gibson
1952	Robert W. Nero	1972	Donald E. Kroodsmma
1953	no award	1973	Robert C. Eckhardt
1954	William C. Dilger	1974	David S. Dobkin
1955	Robert G. Wolk	1975	Roger L. Boyd
1956	John Burton Miller		Margaret Elsie McVey
	Lester L. Short	1976	Richard O. Bierregaard, Jr.
1957	Millicent S. Ficken	1977	Dale Lewis
1958	Harold D. Mahan		Ernest E. Stevens
1959	no award	1978	Alexis A. E. McLean
1960	Robert T. Lynn	1979	Patricia Gowaty
1961	Frances C. James	1980	Gregory S. Butcher
1962	Donald S. Heintzelman	1981	Mark K. Wourms
1963	Nickolas A. M. Verbeek	1982	Brian J. McCaffery
1964	Robert E. Gobeil		Stephen Nowicki
1965	John O. Sullivan		
1966	Douglas D. Dow		
	Ralph W. Schreiber		